GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MDMS in Rajasthan
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in releasing the funds by the Government to the tune of Rs. 21.24 crores for providing total number of 47000 gas connections under Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in Rajasthan including Jalore-Sirohi district during the year 2014-15;

(b) the time by which the said amount is likely to be released by the Government;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide full contribution to the tribal areas in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to allocate an additional amount to Rajasthan for payment of foodgrain cost to Food Corporation of India and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The Government of Rajasthan had assured before the meeting of the Programme Approval Board held on 28.3.2014 that the State would provide funds for installation of LPG connections in the schools during 2015-16. No separate Central assistance was approved for the purpose.

(c): The funding pattern for Mid Day Meal Scheme had been revised from 1st April, 2015 and the sharing between Centre and States is 60:40 for Rajasthan. There is no provision of separate funding pattern for tribal areas.

(d): The Central assistance includes the cost of foodgrains to be paid to FCI.

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